

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference for the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund are set out in Part 12 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Section 206 provides:

206 Duties

The Parliamentary Joint Committee's duties are:

- (a) to consult extensively about the implementation and operation of this Act and Part 4A of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989* with:
 - (i) groups of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders; and
 - (ii) industry organisations; and
 - (iii) Commonwealth, State, Territory and local governments; and
 - (iv) other appropriate persons and bodies; and
- (b) to report from time to time to both Houses on the implementation and operation of this Act; and
- (c) to examine each annual report that is prepared by the President of the NNTT or by any person under Part 4A of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989* and of which a copy has been laid before a House, and to report to both Houses on matters:
 - (i) that appear in, or arise out of, that annual report; and
 - (ii) to which, in the Parliamentary Joint Committee's opinion, the Parliament's attention should be directed; and
- (d) from time to time, to inquire into and, as soon as practicable after the inquiry has been completed, to report to both Houses on:
 - (i) the effectiveness of the NNTT; and
 - (ii) the extent to which there are recognised State/Territory bodies; and
 - (iii) the appropriateness of powers of delegation exercisable by the Registrar under this Act; and
 - (iv) the extent of extinguishment or impairment of native title rights and interests as a result of the operation of this Act; and
 - (v) the operation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund established by Part 10; and
 - (vi) the effect of the operation of this Act on land management; and
 - (vii) the operation of the Indigenous Land Corporation and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund established by Part 4A of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989*; and
- (e) to inquire into any question in connection with its duties that is referred to it by a House, and to report to that House on that question.

